

In Loving Memory of



Reverend Gussie Ella Holden

Sunrise

May 8, 1947

Sunset

April 12, 2015

Service

Friday, April 17, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

70 Park Avenue • East Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Harriet Wallace, Officiating

Obituary

Reverend Gussie Ella Holden was born May 8, 1947 to the late Reverend William Wheeler and Marcella Wheeler-Boweebanks. She was called home to be with her Lord on April 12, 2015. Gussie was born in Detroit Michigan, the second of six children. The family relocated to New Jersey. She accepted Christ and was baptized at age nine at Union Baptist Church in Morristown. She and her siblings were raised in a Christian home, where family was the key component. Gussie attended school in Morristown and Montclair, New Jersey.

Gussie met a young man years later named James, better known as Curtis. They married in 1963. From this union five children were born. They lived in Newark for some years where Gussie worked for Bell Telephone/Verizon. They relocated to South Jersey where she continued to serve the Lord. She joined Mount Olive Baptist Church in Cape May Court House. Gussie had a calling on her life to minister the word of God and was licensed as an Evangelist in September 1990. During this time she attended Garden State Bible School and the Philadelphia College of Bible. She was ordained as a Reverend in April 2005 becoming the fourth generation of ministers in her family. She continued her ministering by joining Eureka Baptist Church in Wildwood. God spoke to her spirit and led her and Curtis to Green Creek Community Church in Green Creek. She retired in 2001 after many years of service with Verizon. Gussie loved to travel and would call herself a “world traveler”. She visited Japan, Jerusalem, Rome and almost every US state.

Gussie and Curtis relocated to Clayton, NC to enjoy retirement life. They continued to fellowship and united with Word of Truth Church in Raleigh. Gussie was a devoted wife, phenomenal mother, attentive grandmother who loved her grandchildren and was a faithful friend. She was a mother to many of her adopted children and treated them like family. Gussie was committed to her Lord and Savior.

Gussie was preceded in death her daughter, Katrice Holden; sisters, Othelia Grace and Marcella Wheeler; brother, Rev. Raiford Wheeler; and one son, Zachary Holden, Sr.

Gussie Holden leaves to cherish her loving life: her husband, James C. Holden, Sr. of Clayton, NC; two sons, James C. Holden, Jr. (Raquel Holden) of Hampton, VA, and Timothy Holden (Carol Holden) of Spring Hill, FL; one daughter, Curlette Illa (William Illa) of Egg Harbor Township, NJ; one brother, William Wheeler (Viola Wheeler) of Middleburg, FL; one sister, OGREETA PHILLIPS (Romus Phillips) of Somers Point, NJ; two sisters-in-law, Maxine Wheeler of East Stroudsburg, PA and Virginia Blackwell of Garner, NC; one brother-in-law, Richard Grace of Camden, NJ; twelve grandchildren, Joylis, Jason, Kenya, Anthony, Zachary, Alteneese, Kellen, Naadirah, Demetrius, Tajah, Quenton and Heaven; three great grandchildren, Jasmine, Jayden and Caidren; two goddaughters, Vanya Wheeler and Jaleesa Boyd; her loving friends, Shirley Fennell, Evelyn McClurkin and Barbara Bass; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks and Reflections

Two Minutes Please

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Pastor Harriet Wallace

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Montclair, New Jersey



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free!*

Acknowledgements

The family of **Reverend Gussie E. Holden** would like to extend their sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude for all your support and acts of kindness to the family during this time of bereavement.
May God bless you all.

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